

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:  
Subroto Chatterjee

Amdt 1/A

Serial No.: Not yet assigned

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For: RECOMBINANT N-SMASES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application filed herewith as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-12 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-12 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Early consideration and allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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